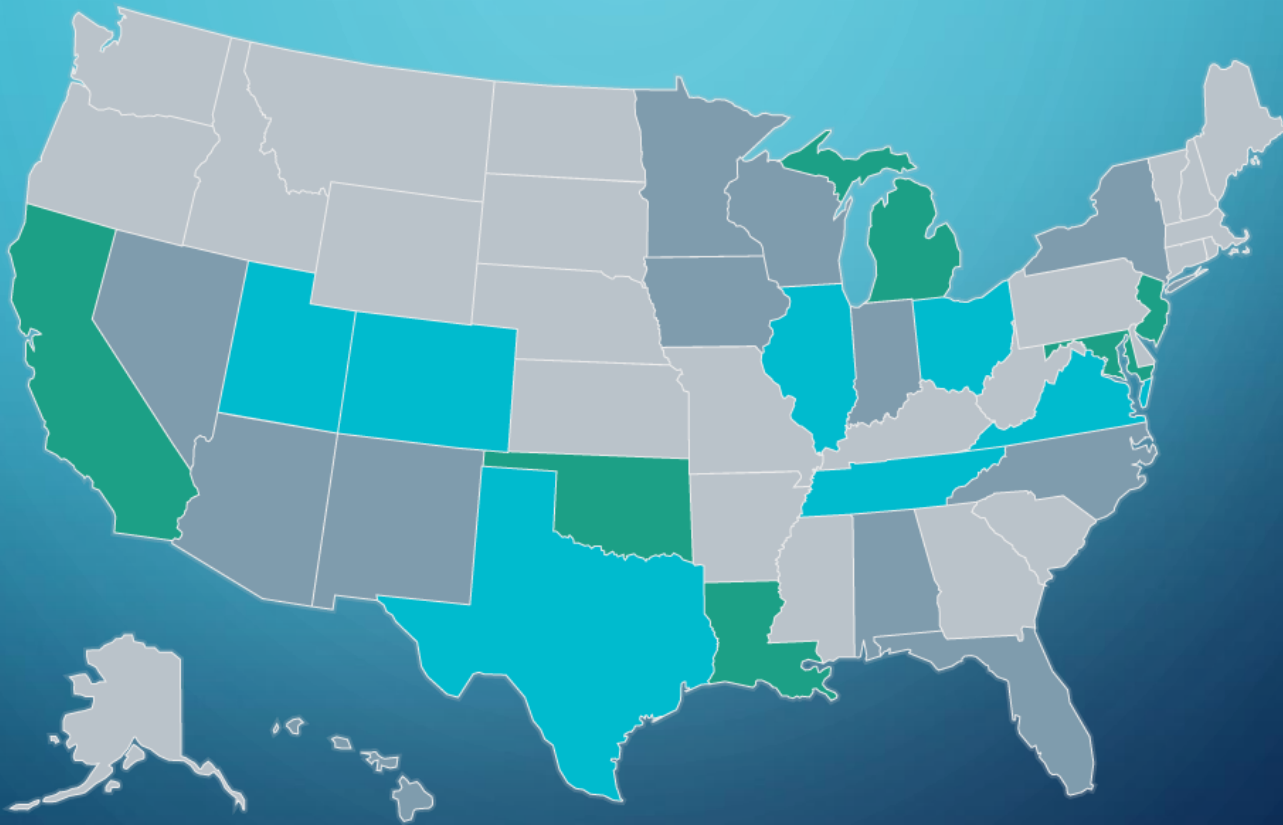






WHY TEST SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT EVIDENCE?

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ESTIMATED 300,00 TO 400,000 KITS
NATIONWIDE ARE UNTESTED







Experience of Kellie Green, survivor of a stranger rape, founder of SOAR (Speaking Out Against Rape):

“I spent three years living in fear, studying faces at grocery stores, at work, driving down the road, both hoping and fearing that I would spot my rapist.”

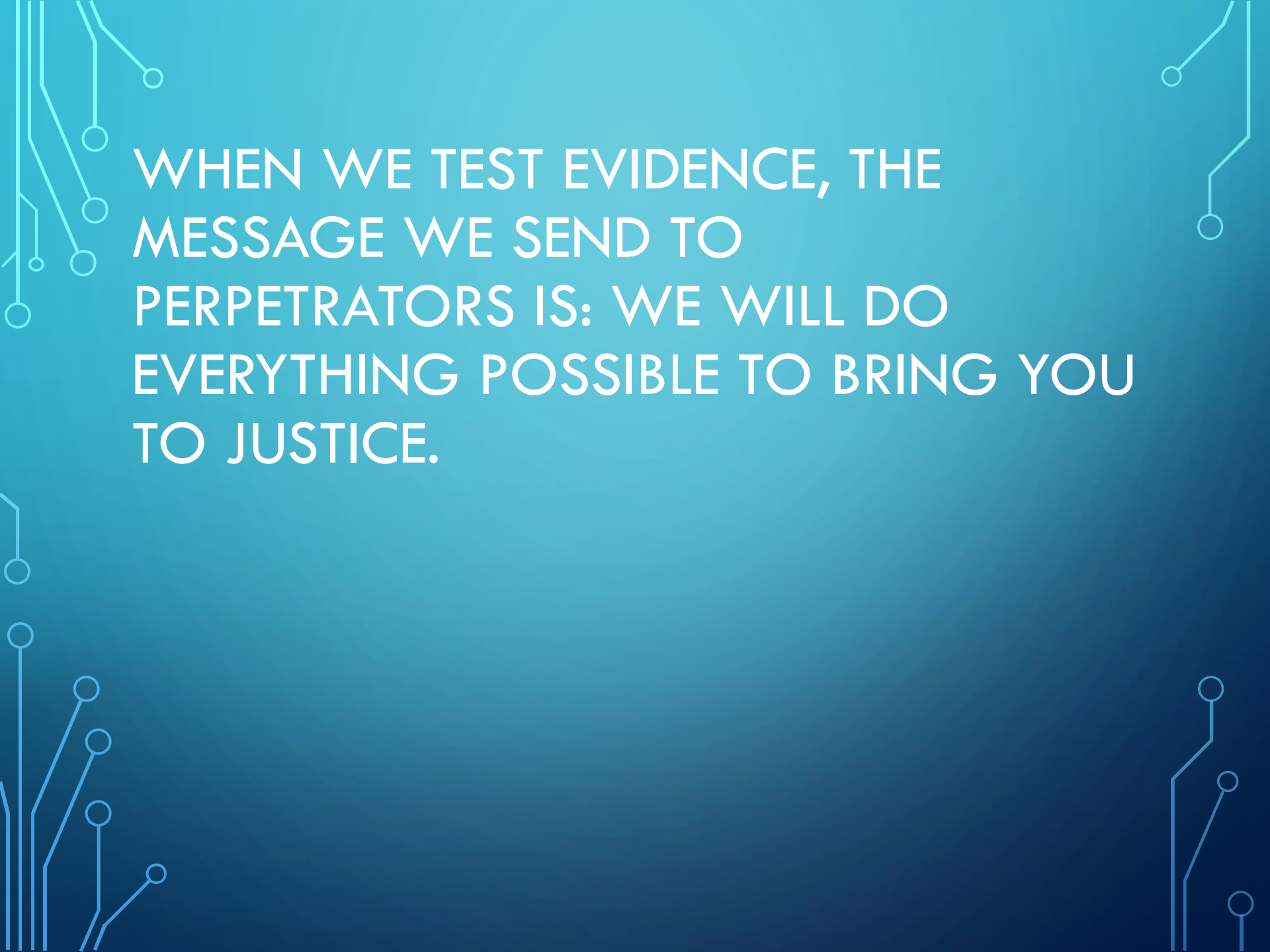
After three years, the detective submitted the evidence in Kellie’s case for DNA analysis and a suspect was located and prosecuted, bringing closure to her case and healing to her life.

When we test evidence, the message to victims is:
your case matters. YOU matter.




MOST OFFENDERS ARE SERIAL OFFENDERS

- Research is revealing that most offenders are serial offenders, and depending on the type of offender, many have dozens or hundreds of victims
- In one study, 23 convicted and incarcerated sex offenders were interviewed (Van Wyk, 2010)
- Initially admitted to an average of 3 victims
- With polygraph as a part of follow up interview, admitted to an average of 175 victims

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WHEN WE TEST EVIDENCE, THE
MESSAGE WE SEND TO
PERPETRATORS IS: WE WILL DO
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING YOU
TO JUSTICE.



A number of venues from around the country have begun the process of testing backlog sexual assault kit evidence.

The conclusion from the data from those efforts is very clear:

The number of identified serial offenders brought to justice will be greatly increased by testing sexual assault kit evidence.



DETROIT PD



- 10,995 backlog kits between 1993 and 2006
- 1,600 kits tested so far
- 785 CODIS profiles uploaded
- 339 CODIS perpetrator hits so far
- 89 of the identified perpetrators committed multiple sexual assaults
- One man had raped and killed 7 women after the date of the sexual assault case where the evidence was untested

NEW ORLEANS PD



- One year time period (2010)
- 1,008 backlog kits tested
- 256 male DNA profiles identified and then uploaded into CODIS
- 139 CODIS perpetrator hits so far (think: serial offenders identified)
- Mark Nelson, head of the NOPD cold case project: “Having evidence from CODIS hits developed new leads in almost every single case.”

NEW YORK CITY



- 17,000 backlog kits as of 2003
- Implemented policy to test every kit
- National rate of arrest for sex crimes was 24 per cent
- NYC arrest rate went up to 70 per cent with results from DNA tests

TEXAS

- Mandates testing of all sexual assault kits collected after September 1, 1996
- As of May 2013, 15,900 untested kits reported
- Results in Ft Worth:
 - 960 kits tested
 - 214 perpetrator hits
 - 47 arrests
 - 36 felony convictions

OHIO

- Began testing backlog of 7,624 kits in December 2011
- 3,807 backlog kits tested so far
- As of June 2014, 1,302 perpetrator hits

ILLINOIS

- From 2010 forward, Illinois requires LEA to submit all sexual assault kits for analysis within 10 days of receiving the evidence.
- As of December 2013
- 4,000 untested kits had been processed
- Of the profiles that were successfully uploaded into CODIS, there were 927 perpetrator hits so far

